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## **TOWN of STRAFFORD**

New Hampshire

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# **1976**

For the Year Ending

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## TOWN OFFICERS

Lester E. Huckins

Alan M. Corindia

George I. Waldron

## SELECTMEN

Albert W. Leighton  
Resigned June 12, 1976

Wesley W. Wheeler  
Resigned July 27, 1976

## TOWN CLERK and TREASURER

Phyllis F. Lynbourg

## TAX COLLECTOR

Helen A. Sims

## MODERATOR

Russell C. Shillaber

## SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Freda Q. Harding

Myrtle Hammer

Dorothy Chandler

## HEALTH OFFICER

Harold McDonald

## AUDITORS

Roger Leighton

Loren Pierce

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Albert Brown

Errol D. Clark

Donald Poppema

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Bernice Omand

Erma Messenger  
Martha Bennett — Deceased

Davis Clarke

## LIBRARIAN

Teresa M. Sammis

## FIRE WARDEN

Loren Pierce — Appointed  
Sumner Hayes — Retired December 31, 1976

DEPUTIES

Herbert Scribner

George Thorne

John MacDougall

ROAD AGENT

Herbert Scribner

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

David S. Dupee

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Harold McDonald

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Erlon Jacobs

William Porter

Carl Brown

Edgar E. Burrows, Chief

PLANNING BOARD

Wesley Pierce

Lester E. Huckins

Paul Desmairais

David Dupee

(Wesley W. Wheeler — Resigned July 27, 1976)

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Philip Dame

Marilyn Roderick

Robert Chadbourn

John O'Brien

Maurice Caswell

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Gerald Howe

Gail Barry

JoAnn Brown

John Bozak

Spencer Smith

RECREATION COMMISSION

Lois Fistere

Ernest B. Brown

Robert Omand

John B. Penney

Denise Thorne

**TOWN WARRANT**  
**The State of New Hampshire**

**THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 A.M. to 7 P.M.**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Strafford Elementary School in said Strafford on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Note: All articles except No. 1 will be taken up at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 8, 1977.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$7,000.00 for the operation of the Police Department.

4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$4,200.00 for the operation and maintenance of the Town Fire Department.

5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$800.00 for maintenance of the Bow Lake Fire Department.

6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,660.50 for support of the Rural District Health Council.

7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$1,950.00 as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Department to provide Ambulance Service for the Town of Strafford (\$1,950.00 from Revenue Sharing).

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to maintain the Strafford Recycling Center, and to support recycling procedures as follows:

## TOWN WARRANT (cont.)

1. Home Separation of:
  - a. clear glass
  - b. colored glass
  - c. metal cans
  - d. newsprint and corrugated paper
2. Sanitary landfill of other household wastes
3. Collection of heavy metals
4. Collection and burning of wooden materials, and to require the Selectmen to make such supplemental resolutions as necessary to operate the Recycling Center.
9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$47,000.00 for Highways and Bridges (\$2,050 from Revenue Sharing).
10. To see if the Town will accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate \$946.15 to which the State of New Hampshire will contribute \$6,207.69.
11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$3,400.00 for the operation of the Strafford Library (\$1,000.00 from Revenue Sharing.)
12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for Public Welfare and Old Age Assistance (\$1,000.00 from Revenue Sharing.)
13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$150.00 for observance of Memorial Day.
14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 as a donation to the Bow Lake Community Club to help defray the cost of the 4th of July Fireworks Display.
15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$2,290.00 for the support of the Recreation Commission.
16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$200.00 for the support of the Conservation Commission.



## TOWN WARRANT (cont.)

17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$45.00 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust Disease.

18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in amounts indicated herewith or take any other action hereon:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ambulance	\$1,950.00
Highways	2,050.00
Library	1,000.00
Town Poor and Old Age Assistance	1,000.00
	<u>\$6,000.00</u>

19. To see if the Town will accept approximately 1350 feet of the Whig Hill Road starting at Aspen Drive, ending at Critchett's Corner. This road was reconstructed to Town specifications in 1976 (open Town Road now ends at Aspen Drive).

20. To see if the Town will accept the section of road known as "Hickory Way" approximately 475 feet in Whig Hill Development. This road is constructed to Town specifications (except asphalt surface, which shall be completed by David R. Witcher, Builder, Inc. August 1, 1977).

21. To see if the Town will vote to establish the following building regulation pursuant to RSA 156 as follows:

- a. That the (Building Inspector or Board of Selectmen) shall review subdivision proposals and other proposed new developments to assure that (i) all such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage, (ii) all public utilities and facilities, such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems are located, elevated, and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage, and (iii) adequate drainage is provided so as to reduce exposure to flood hazards: and

## TOWN WARRANT (cont.)

b. That the (Building Inspector or Board of Selectmen shall require new or replacement water supply systems and/or sanitary sewage systems to be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters, and require on-site waste disposal systems to be located so as to avoid impairment of them or contamination from them during flooding.

22. To see if the Town will vote to have all property in the Town reappraised at 100% of market value at an estimated cost of \$35,000.00, \$17,500.00 to be raised in 1977 and the balance in 1978.

23. To see if the Town will vote to adopt RSA 154:24 which authorizes fire fighting aid to other towns.

24. To see if the Town will authorize the appointment of a committee, by the Moderator, to study the needs of a new fire station at the Center of Town and report back to Town Meeting of March 1978. This committee to be comprised of seven people. Two firemen, two selectmen and three townspeople.

25. To see if the Town will grant 2% Discount on Taxes paid within ten days of mailing of Tax Bill.

26. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

27. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fourteen day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and 1977.

LESTER E. HUCKINS  
ALAN M. CORINDIA  
GEORGE I. WALDRON  
Selectment of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

LESTER E. HUCKINS  
ALAN M. CORINDIA  
GEORGE I. WALDRON  
Selectmen of Strafford

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January  
1, 1977 to December 31, 1977 or for the Fiscal Year from January 1, 1977  
to December 31, 1977

## SECTION 1 — PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977 (1977-78)
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,820.00	\$ 5,655.83	\$ 5,820.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,300.00	3,658.10	6,000.00
Election & Registration Exp.	900.00	1,262.00	800.00
Auto Permit	1,400.00	1,747.00	1,800.00
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	500.00	261.82	300.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	1,600.00	1,246.99	1,600.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	7,000.00	6,451.66	7,000.00
Fire Department; [Town- \$3500.; Bow Lake \$800.]	4,300.00	4,479.55	4,200.00
Care of Trees	32.00	32.00 -	45.00
Insurance	1,600.00	1,503.60	1,600.00
Planning & Zoning	400.00	403.80 -	400.00
Damages & Dog Licenses	150.00	44.80 -	150.00
Health Dept. [RDHC \$1660.50; Ambulance, \$1950.]	3,056.00	3,056.20	3,610.50
Vital Statistics	25.00	22.00 -	25.00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	4,000.00	3,376.50	10,000.00
Town Maintenance — Summer & Winter	32,000.00	29,497.94	32,000.00
Street Lighting	1,050.00	1,091.17	1,100.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	10,000.00	14,907.92	15,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,030.37	1,030.37	946.15
Libraries:	2,100.00	2,130.20	3,400.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,000.00	1,393.88	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	2,260.79	2,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day, Etc.	450.00	450.00 -	150.00
Recreation	1,600.00	1,741.50	2,290.00
Public Service Enterprise:			
Conservation Comm.:	200.00	35.00	200.00
Debt Service:			
Interest—Long Term Notes	546.25	546.25	8,716.00
N.H. Bond Debt Retirement Tax		234.00	
Capital Outlay:			
Fire Truck	48,000.00	42,675.00	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$134,059.82</b>	<b>\$131,195.87</b>	<b>\$111,152.15</b>

## SECTION 2 – SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977 (1977-78)
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 5,926.08	\$ 5,926.08	\$ 5,900.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,421.02	1,421.02	1,400.00
Meals & Room Tax	7,081.44	8,191.49	8,100.00
Highway Subsidy	14,012.63	14,012.63	13,496.51
Reim. a-c Business Profits Tax	2,039.00	2,040.88	2,000.00
<b>From Local Sources:</b>			
Dog Licenses	500.00	530.00	500.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	750.00	903.00	900.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	28,000.00	28,152.34	20,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	1,917.80	3,574.56	2,500.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds	9,851.34	9,983.29	
National Bank Stock Taxes	181.87	176.12	176.00
Resident Taxes Retained	7,240.00	9,410.00	9,500.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	1,473.53	2,075.64	2,000.00
Sale of History Books	151.00	166.00	
Bond & Note Issued (Contra)	28,148.66	23,000.00	
Fire Truck Donation — Austin Cate Academy	5,000.00	5,000.00	
<b>From Federal Sources:</b>			
Revenue Sharing	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,000.00
<b>*Total Revenues Fromm All Sources</b>			
Except Property Taxes	\$117,955.37	\$120,697.05	\$ 72,472.51
<b>*Amount To Be Raised By</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 16,104.45		\$ 38,679.64
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$134,059.82</b>		<b>\$111,152.15</b>

\*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year gives "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes".

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

APPROPRIATIONS	YEAR 1976
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,820.00
Town Officers' Expenses	3,300.00
Election & Registration Expenses	900.00
Auto Permits	1,400.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	500.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	1,600.00
Police Department	7,000.00
Fire Department	\$3,500.00
Bow Lake Fire Dept.	<u>800.00</u>
	4,300.00
Care of Trees (Incl. Blister Rust & Moth Ext.)	32.00
Insurance	1,600.00
Planning & Zoning	400.00
Damages & Issuing Dog Tags	150.00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals & Ambulance) — & Rural Dist. Health Council (\$1800—Revenue Sharing)	3,056.20
Vital Statistics	25.00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	4,000.00
Town Maintenance—Summer & Winter — (\$3,000 — Revenue Sharing)	32,000.00
Street Lighting	1,050.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	10,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,030.37
Libraries (\$1,500 — Revenue Sharing)	2,100.00
Town Poor	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, etc.)	450.00
Recreation (Parks, Playground, etc.)	1,600.00
Conservation Commission	200.00
Interest—Long Term Notes	(\$23,000.) 546.25
Fire Truck	<u>48,000.00</u>
 TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	 \$134,059.82



# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED (cont.)

YEAR 1976

**TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS** **\$134,059.82**

**Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits**

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 5,926.08	
Savings Bank Tax	1,421.02	
Meals and Rooms Tax	7,081.44	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,473.53	
Interest Received on Taxes	500.00	
Interest Received on Deposits	1,417.80	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	750.00	
Dog Licenses	500.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	28,000.00	
Donation — Austin Cate	5,000.00	
From Capital Reserve	9,851.34	
National Bank Stock Taxes	181.87	
Resident Taxes	7,240.00	
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	6,300.00	
Proceeds of Bonds & Long Term Notes	28,148.66	
Highway Subsidy	14,012.63	
Sale of History Books	151.00	
Total Revenues & Credits		\$117,955.37
Net Town Appropriations		\$ 16,104.45
Net School Appropriations		268,735.84
County Tax Assessment		56,600.95
Total of Town, School and County		\$341,441.24
Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimb.	---	2,039.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	+	6,250.00
Add: Overlay	+	5,782.03
<b>PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>		<b>\$351,434.27</b>

# SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

1976  
Valuation

Land — Improved and Unimproved	\$2,463,150.
Buildings	5,974,578.
Public Utilities — Electric	839,300.
House Trailers, Mobile Homes & Travel Trailers assessed as personal property (30)	45,560.
Boats & Launches (66)	30,701.

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TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED \$9,353,289

Blind Exemptions (1)	\$ 5,000.
Elderly Exemptions (37)	117,300.
School Dining Rm. , Dormitory & Kitchen Exemp.	150,000.

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TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED \$ 272,300.

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NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED \$9,080,989.

## WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

	Number	EXEMPT
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	1	\$ 700.00
All other qualified persons	111	5,550.00
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	112	\$6,250.00
Resident Taxes 724 @ \$10.00		\$7,240.00

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Number of Inventories Distributed in 1976	996
Date 1976 Inventories were mailed	3/18/76
Number of Inventories Returned in 1976	548
Number of Individuals Applying for an Elderly Exemption — 1976	39
Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption — 1976	37

Number of Property Owners who applied for Current Use in 1976 and the aggregate total number of acres for which application was made	2 Owners / 18 acres
Number of Property Owners who were granted Current Use Exemption in 1976 and total number of acres exempted	2 Owners / 18 acres

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976**

**Certificate**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date: February 3, 1977

**LESTER E. HUCKINS**  
**ALAN M. CORINDIA**  
**GEORGE I. WALDRON**  
Selectmen

**ASSETS**

**Cash:**

In hands of treasurer	\$ 25,869.76
Savings Acct. & Certificate Deposit	140,000.00

TOTAL	\$165,869.76
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Bonds or Long Term Notes	5,325.00
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**Capital Reserve Funds:**

Tax Map	2,526.67
Recreation Commission	3,545.05
Revenue Sharing (Savings Acct.) \$6300. -- for 1976 Approp	7,358.23

TOTAL	13,429.95
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**Accounts Due to the Town:**

Due from State: Bal. 1976 TRA Acct.	2,378.14
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TOTAL	2,378.14
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**Unredeemed Taxes:**

Levy of 1975	4,710.69
Levy of 1974	518.59

TOTAL	5,229.28
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**Uncollected Taxes:**

Levy of 1976, Incl. Resident Taxes	36,677.38
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TOTAL	36,677.38
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GRAND TOTAL	\$228,909.51
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Current Surplus, December 31, 1975	21,009.26
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Current Surplus, December 31, 1976	16,080.86
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Decrease of Surplus	\$ 4,928.40
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## FINANCIAL REPORT (cont.)

### LIABILITIES

#### Accounts Owed by the Town:

Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations	\$ 1,500.00
Unexpended Balances of Bond & Note Funds	5,325.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	1,058.23
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acct.)	3,168.00
School District Tax Payable	182,735.84

#### Other Liabilities:

Water Street App.	1,500.00
Town Map	9,091.72

TOTAL ACCOUNTS OWED	\$204,378.79
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#### State & Town Joint Highway Construction Accounts:

Unexpended Bal. 1976 T.R.A. Acct.	2,378.14
Capital Reserve Funds:	6,071.72

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$212,828.65
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CURRENT SURPLUS	\$ 16,080.86
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GRAND TOTAL	\$228,909.51
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# UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION RECEIPTS

**Current Revenue:**

Property Taxes — 1976	\$301,501.12
Resident Taxes — 1976	6,960.00
National Bank Stock Taxes — 1976	176.12
Yield Taxes — 1976	<u>2,075.64</u>

**TOTAL**

\$310,712.88

Property Taxes and Yield Taxes — Previous Yrs.	22,732.61
Resident Taxes — Previous Yrs.	2,190.00
Abatements	3,909.47
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	641.00
Penalties: Resident Taxes \$260.	260.00
Tax sales redeemed	5,770.07

**From State:**

Highway Subsidy	14,012.63
Interest and Dividends tax	5,926.08
Savings Bank Tax	1,421.02
Meals and Rooms Tax	8,191.49
Reimb. a-c Business Profits Tax	2,040.88

**From Local Sources, Except Taxes:**

Dog Licenses	530.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	65.00
Income from departments	377.00
Income from building permits	838.00
Motor Vehicle permits — 1975 \$	391.84
1976	<u>\$27,760.50</u>

28,152.34

**TOTAL CURRENT REVENUE RECEIPTS**

\$407,771.47

**Receipts Other than Current Revenue:**

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 22,000.00
Proceeds of Long term notes	23,000.00
Proceeds of Certificate of Deposits & Savings Acct.	2,933.56
Refunds	1,481.87
Gifts	5,000.00
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	9,983.29
Grants from USA — Revenue Sharing	5,287.00
Grants from USA — Interest on Investments of	
Revenue Sharing Funds	194.31
Taxes Bought by Town	<u>8,069.26</u>

**TOTAL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE**

77,949.29

**Transfer of Conservation Comm. Funds**

Timber Tax Deposits	1,651.73
	<u>3,168.00</u>

4,819.73

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES**

490,540.49

**Cash on hand January 1, 1976**

142,387.13

[Includes Bal. \$510.21; Revenue Sharing Bal. \$1,876.92;  
Cert. Deposit \$140,000.00]

**GRAND TOTAL**

\$632,927.62

# UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

## PAYMENTS

### General Government:

Town officers. salaries	\$ 5,655.83
Town officers' expenses	3,658.10
Election and registration expenses	1,262.00
Auto permits	1,747.00
Expenses town hall & other bldgs.	261.82

### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	6,451.66
Fire department including forest fires	47,154.55
Moth extermination — blister rust & care of trees	32.00
Planning and Zoning	403.80
Damage by dogs	44.80
Insurance	1,503.60
Conservation Commission	35.00

### Health:

Health department incl. hospital & amb.	3,056.20
Vital statistics	22.00
Sewer maintenance	3,376.50

### Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,030.37
Town Maintenance:	
Summer \$13,323.84; Winter \$16,174.10	29,497.94
Street Lighting	1,091.17
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	14,907.92

### Library:

2,130.20

### Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	2,260.79
Town Poor	1,393.88

### Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day	450.00
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### Recreation:

Parks and playgrounds	1,741.50
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### Unclassified:

Yield Tax Bond Debt	234.00
Taxes bought by town	8,069.26
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	4,016.05
Employees' retirement and Social Security	1,246.99

### TOTAL MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

\$142,734.93

### Interest on Debt:

Paid on long term notes	546.25
Paid on tax anticipation notes	150.08

### TOTAL INTEREST PAYMENTS

696.33

### Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	22,000.00
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### TOTAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS

\$22,000.00

# UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

## PAYMENTS (cont.)

Brought forward		\$165,431.26
Capital Outlay:		
Tax Maps	\$ 583.60	
TOTAL OUTLAY PAYMENTS		\$583.60
Payment to other governmental divisions:		
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt		
Retirement Taxes	294.71	
Taxes paid to County	56,600.95	
Payments to School Distrists —		
1975 Tax \$150,789.11		
1976 Tax \$ 86,000.00	236,789.11	
TOTAL PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOV. DIV.		293,684.77
Total Payments for all Purposes		459,699.63
Cash on hand December 31, 1976 — (June 30, 1977)		
1976 Balance	\$ 25,869.76	
Revenue Sharing Savings	\$ 7,358.23	
Certificate Deposit	\$140,000.00	
		173,227.99
GRAND TOTAL		\$632,927.62

## SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

AS OF December 31, 1976 — June 30, 1977 (1)

### Long Term Notes Outstanding:

May 3, 1976, Note 1, Due May 3, 1977

Fire truck \$ 7,666.00

May 3, 1976 Note 2, Due May 3, 1978

Fire Truck 7,666.00

May 3, 1976 Note 3, Due May 3, 1979

Fire Truck 7,668.00

TOTAL LONG TERM NOTES OUTSTANDING \$ 23,000.00

TOTAL LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS —

December 31, 1976 — June 30, 1977 \$ 23,000.00

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## RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

### New Debt Created During Fiscal Year:

Long Term Notes Issued \$ 23,000.00

TOTAL \$ 23,000.00

Outstanding Long Term Debt —

December 31, 1976 — June 30, 1977 \$ 23,000.00

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,200.00
Library:	
Furniture and equipment	3,000.00
Police Department:	
Lands and buildings	3,000.00
Fire Department:	
Lands and buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	5,000.00
Highway Department:	
Lands and buildings	1,500.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	7,500.00
Schools:	
Lands and buildings	300,000.00
Equipment	25,000.00
All lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
3 acres — Town Dump	200.00
½ acre — E. Dudley Lot	100.00
½ acre — Fred Morin Lot & Bldg.	1,000.00
½ acre — Jose Calderon Lot & Bldg.	1,000.00
1 acre — Mary Rowe Land	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$364,000.00</b>

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

### Town Officers Salaries

Albert Leighton	\$ 466.51
Lester Huckins	1,049.97
Wesley Wheeler	612.58
Alan Corindia	533.45
George Waldron	333.32
Phyllis Lynbourg	1,400.00
Helen Sims	1,100.00
Roger Leighton	50.00
Lorin Pierce	50.00
Donald Poppema	60.00
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TOTAL	\$5,655.83

### Town Officers Expenses

New England Telephone	\$ 85.29
George Waldron	16.60
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc.	10.00
Foss and Came Agency	288.00
Studley Florists	12.00
Brown and Saltmarsh	206.43
Thomas Davis	181.50
Lester Huckins	48.50
William Lynboorg	496.40
Wesley Wheeler	18.40
Albert Leighton	37.53
N.H. Assoc. of Assessing Officials	20.00
Ridings Press	998.00
Kendall Ins.	88.00
Phyllis Lynbourg	22.75
Wheeler and Clark	42.78
Dept. of Revenue Admn.	40.02
Laura D. Carey	66.00
Foster's Daily Democrat	9.00
Jefferson Printing	28.44
Dorothy Chandler	353.48
Helen Sims	141.00
Rochester Courier	62.24
Meaders	6.20
N.H. Assoc. of City and Town Clerks	10.00
Treasurer — State of N.H.	8.72
N.H. Municipal Asspc.	210.76
George Thorne	39.00
Frank Distributing Assoc.	84.62
Multigraphics	26.44
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TOTAL	\$3,658.10



## OTHER PAYMENTS

Phyllis F. Lynbourg — Auto Permits	\$ 1,747.00
Town Office Telephone	261.82
Police	6,451.66
Fire (Incl. Forest Fire)	4,479.55
New fire truck & equipment	42,675.00
Planning and Zoning	403.80
Insurance	1,503.60
Ctr. Barnstead Ambulance Service	1,800.00
Vital Statistics	22.00
Rural District Health Council	1,256.20
Town Dump	3,376.50
Highways-	
Summer	13,323.84
Winter	16,174.10
General	14,907.92
T.R.A.	1,030.37
Street Light	1,091.17
Libraries	2,130.20
Old Age Assistance	2,260.79
Town Poor	1,393.88
Memorial Day Bicentennial & 4th July	450.00
Town Map	583.60
Recreation Commission	1,741.50
Expense of dog permits & damage	44.80
Yield Tax Deposit	234.00
Tax Bought by town	8,069.26
Abatements	4,016.05
Social Security	1,246.99
Interest on Fire Truck Note	546.25
Investment of Surplus Funds	140,000.00
Bond Debt Tax	294.71
Temporary Loans Interest	150.08
Revenue Sharing to Saving Acct.	5,287.00
Conservation Commission	35.00
County Tax	56,600.95
Strafford School District	<u>236,789.11</u>
TOTAL	\$572,378.70

## HIGHWAY ACCOUNT

TOTAL Payments	\$ 44,405.86
Refund from David Whitchen for culverts	<u>702.31</u>
	43,703.55
1976 Appropriation	<u>42,000.00</u>
OVER EXPENDED	\$ 1,703.55



## STATE HIGHWAY SUBSIDY

1976 Highway Expenditures	\$ 43,703.55
Less Highway Subsidy Grant	<u>14,012.63</u>
Highway Money Raised by Property Tax	\$ 29,690.92

## REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Balance December 31, 1975	\$ 1,876.92
Payments received from U. S. Treas.	5,287.00
Interest During 1976	<u>194.31</u>
	7,358.23
Less 1976 Appropriation for roads, library & ambulance	<u>6,300.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 1,058.23

## 1976 - 1977 SCHOOL ACCOUNT

School Appropriation	\$268,735.84
Payments to December 31, 1976	<u>86,000.00</u>
Balance Due School District	\$182,735.84

## TOWN DUMP

1976 Appropriation		\$ 4,000.00
Harold Pickering	\$ 240.00	
Wesley Wheeler	17.00	
Dan Cutter	15.00	
Albert Leighton	48.00	
Sumner Hayes	6.00	
Herbert Scribner	861.00	
Dame's Paving	66.50	
Peter A. Laurentz	1,425.00	
Walter Kellett	687.90	
Robert Omand	<u>9.10</u>	

### TOTAL

Balance of Appropriation

# STRAFFORD TRA

1976 — 1977

## MONEY AVAILABLE

Carried forward from last year	\$ 218.64
Town share 1976—1977 apportionment	1,030.37
State share 1976—1977 apportionment	6,869.13
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TOTAL	\$8,118.14

## MONEY SPENT

Payroll — Labor w/e 7-31-76	\$ 164.81
Payroll — equipment w/e 7-31-76	2,948.00
Lester Huckins — gravel	249.00
Payroll — Labor w/e 8-21-76	93.39
Payroll — equipment w/e 8-21-76	551.20
Trimount — asphalt	1,507.14
N.H. Bituminus — asphalt	226.46
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TOTAL	\$5,740.00

Balance in account	\$2,378.14
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cc: Lester Huckins  
Herbert Scribner

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

## For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1976

### RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 510.21	
Receipts, 1976	<u>630,346.18</u>	
		\$630,856.39

### EXPENDITURES

Expenditures, 1976	\$604,986.63	
Balance, December 31, 1976	<u>25,869.76</u>	
		\$630,856.39

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#### Rochester Savings Bank and Trust Co.

##### Bank Book No. 72650

Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 1.00	
Withdrawal, 1976	<u>— 1.00</u>	
Balance		\$ .00

##### Bank Book No. N595

###### (Capital Reserve Fund)

Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 4,822.75	
Interest, 1976	+ 64.60	
Withdrawal, 1976	<u>— 4,887.35</u>	
Balance		\$ .00

##### Bank Book No. 103395

###### (Fire Truck Fund)

Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 5,028.59	
Interest, 1976	+ 67.35	
Withdrawal, 1976	<u>— 5,095.94</u>	
Balance		\$ .00

##### Bank Book No. 103396

###### (Special Acct. Surplus Funds)

Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 40,228.75	
Interest, 1976	+ 1,287.01	
Deposited, 1976	+ 101,417.80	
(Funds from Investment Certificate of Deposit and Interest)		
Withdrawal, 1976	<u>— 142,933.56</u>	
Balance		\$ .00

##### Bank Book No. N596

###### (Class II Hghwy. Acct. for Tax Map)

Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 2,395.72	
Interest, 1976	<u>+ 130.95</u>	
Balance		\$ 2,526.67

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT (cont.)

## Bank Book No. 97-781

(Revenue Sharing Acct.)

Balance, January 1, 1976

\$ 1,876.92

Deposited, 1976

+ 5,287.00

Interest, 1976

+ 194.31

Balance

\$ 7,358.23

## Bank Book No. 102462

(Recreation Commission)

Balance, January 1, 1976

\$ 3,361.32

Interest, 1976

+ 183.73

Balance

\$ 3,545.05

## Bank Book No. 105518

(Surplus Funds Acct.)

Deposited, 1976

\$ 90,000.00

Balance

\$ 90,000.00

## Indian Head National Bank of Rochester

(Certificate of Deposit)

\$ 50,000.00

\$ 50,000.00

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Owed by the Town of Strafford to the First National Bank of Rochester.

Notes to finance the New Fire Truck

May 3, 1976	1st Note	\$7,666.00	due 1977
May 3, 1976	2nd Note	\$7,666.00	due 1978
May 3, 1976	3rd note	\$7,668.00	due 1979

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG

Town Treasurer

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1976**

**Receipts:**

1975 Auto Permits		
38 Permits Issued	\$	391.84
1976 Auto Permits		
1709 Permits Issued		<u>27,760.50</u>
Total Auto Permits		\$28,152.34
Dog and Kennel Licenses		530.00
Filing Fees		<u>5.00</u>
		\$28,687.34
Remittances to Town Treasurer:		
Auto Permits		\$28,152.34
Dog and Kennel Licenses		530.00
Filing Fees		<u>5.00</u>
		\$28,687.34

**PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG**  
Town Clerk

## TOWN MEETING – MARCH 2, 1976

At the legal Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, the following action was taken on the Town Warrant on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March, 1976.

The meeting at the Strafford Elementary School in Strafford was called to order by the Moderator, C. Russell Shillaber, at 10:00 a.m. The Polls were declared open for voting on Article 1 and 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All other Articles to be voted at 8:00 p.m.

1. The following officers were declared elected by the Moderator.

Number of eligible voters on checklist:	745
Number of votes cast:	205

Selectman for 3 years (write in)	Albert W. Leighton	108
Auditor for 2 years (write in)	Loren Pierce	26
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years (write in)	Donald Poppema	23
Library Trustee for 3 years (write in)	Davis Clarke	16
Road Agent for 1 year	Herbert H. Scribner	169

The following candidates were not elected:

Selectman for 3 years	Richard Brown	56
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The moderator declared all articles to be properly before the meeting and seconded, except where otherwise specifically proceeded.

2. Motion Article 2 be postponed until end of warrant. Seconded. Voted in the affirmative.

3. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for Public Welfare, including Old Age Assistance. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

4. Motion the Town accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,030.37 to which the State will contribute \$6,869.13. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

5. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000.00 for Highways and Bridges. (\$3,000.00 from Revenue Sharing). Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

6. Motion by Howard Ambrose the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for operation and maintenance of the Town Fire Department. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

7. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 for the operation of the recreation area at Bow Lake Dam for the 1976 season. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

## TOWN MEETING (cont.)

8. Motion by Susan Gosselin the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to support a Town Picnic to celebrate the Bicentennial year on Saturday, June 12, 1976 on the Strafford School Grounds. Rain day June 13th. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

9. Motion by Howard Ambrose the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the maintenance of the Bow Lake Fire Department. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

10. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to be expended by the Bow Lake Community Club to help defray the cost of the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

11. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100.00 to add to the unexpended balance of \$1,134.96 as of January 1, 1976 for operation of the Strafford Library for the ensuing year. (\$1,500.00 from Revenue Sharing). Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

12. Motion by Albert Leighton the Town vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for use as set-offs against budget appropriations in the amounts indicated:

Road Maintenance	\$3,000.00
Ambulance Service	\$1,800.00
Library Operation	\$1,500.00
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	\$6,300.00

Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

13. Motion to see if the town will vote to have all property in the Town re-appraised at 100% of market value, by the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration at an estimated cost of \$31,350.00. Seconded. Vote in the negative.

14. No action taken on this article as article 13 voted in the negative.

15. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for observance of Memorial Day. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

16. Report on page 45 Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,256.20 in support of the Rural District Health Council. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

17. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800.00 as a donation to the Center Barnstead Fire Department for providing Ambulance Service to the Town of Strafford, (\$1,800.00 from Revenue Sharing). Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

18. Motion the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$32.00 for the control of the White Pine Blister Rust Disease. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.



## TOWN MEETING (cont.)

19. Shall the Town of Strafford adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43b and 43-c for expanded exemptions on real estate which provide for a resident sixty-five years of age up to seventy-five, a five thousand dollar exemption; a resident seventy-five years of age up to eighty, a ten thousand dollar exemption; a resident eighty years of age or older, a twenty thousand dollar exemption, provided that the resident owns the real estate individually or jointly with another or his spouse with whom he has been living for at least five years as man and wife; said resident had a net income of less than seven thousand dollars or a combined income with spouse of less than nine thousand dollars; and owns assets of any kind, tangible or intangible, less bona fide encumbrances, not in excess of thirty-five thousand dollars.

Article on ballot

Vote: Yes — 138    No — 47

20. Motion for the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the Conservation Commission. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

21. Motion the Town approve the following changes in Town Officers Salaries. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

	Present	<u>Proposed</u>
Selectman — Chairman	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
Selectman — 2nd Year	800.00	1,000.00
Selectman — 1st Year	800.00	1,000.00
Tax Collector	900.00	1,100.00
Treasurer	500.00	700.00
Clerk	500.00	700.00
Auditors (2)	50.00	60.00
Trustee of Trust Funds Clerk	50.00	60.00
Moderator	40.00	50.00 per day

22. Motion the Town agree to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program by directing the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility application and submit the required information to the Federal Insurance Administration. Seconded.

Donald Black, move the question. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

Article 22 passed in the affirmative.

23. Motion to pass Article 23 as stated in warrant. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

24. Motion to see if the Town will vote to establish the following building regulation pursuant to RSA 156 as follows:

1. The Building Permit Officer (Board of Selectmen or Building Inspector) shall review all building permit applications for new construction or substantial improvements to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in a location that has a flood hazard, any proposed new construction or substantial improvement (including prefabricated and mobile homes) must (i) be designed (or modified) and anchored to prevent floatation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure, (ii) use construction materials and utility equipment that are resistant to flood damage, and (iii) use construction methods and practices that will minimize flood damage. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.



## TOWN MEETING (cont.)

25. Motion the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000.00 toward the cost of a new Fire Truck and equipment. Furthermore the Town authorize the Selectmen and Fire Chief, to purchase the same for an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 to be financed in this manner.

Above appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
Fire Truck Acct.	5,028.59
Special Highway or Fire Acct.	4,822.75
Donation from Austin Cate Academy	5,000.00
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	\$19,851.34

Balance to be paid by borrowing on short term Notes from The First National Bank of Rochester.

Seconded. Unanimous vote in the affirmative.

26. Motion the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the balance necessary to purchase above specified Fire Truck and equipment, from The First National Bank of Rochester; to be repaid in three equal amounts, in the years: 1977, 1978, 1979. Seconded. Unanimous vote in the affirmative.

27 and 28 were omitted as Articles 25 and 26 were passed.

29. Motion to adopt Article 29. Seconded.

Motion to move the question. Seconded, Vote affirmative.

Motion to question voted in the negative.

30. Motion the Town grant 2% Discount on Taxes paid within thirty days of mailing on Tax Bill. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

31. Motion the Town Authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

32. Motion by Lester Huckins the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,045.00 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

33. Motion by Howard Ambrose the Town be authorized to accept a parcel of land, 104 feet by 75 feet more or less, adjacent to the existing Fire House. Seconded, Vote in the affirmative.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Vote in the affirmative.

A True Record, Attest:

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG  
Town Clerk

A True Copy of Record, Attest:

PHYLLIS F. LYNBOURG  
Town Clerk

(For Current Year's Levy)  
**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS**  
**PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES**  
**Levy of 1976**

— DR. —

**Taxes Committed to Collector:**

Property Taxes	\$345,481.39
Resident Taxes	7,240.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	<u>176.12</u>

**Total Warrants**

\$352,897.51

**Yield Taxes**

2,075.73

**Added Taxes:**

Property Taxes	38.70
Resident Taxes	<u>950.00</u>

988.70

— 0 —

**Land Use Change Taxes**

**Overpayments During Year:**

a/c Property Taxes	59.77
a/c Resident Taxes	<u>— 0 —</u>

59.77

**Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes**

1.45

**Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes**

43.00

**TOTAL DEBITS**

\$356,066.16

— CR. —

**Remittances to Treasurer:**

Property Taxes	\$301,501.12
Resident Taxes	6,960.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	176.12
Yield Taxes	2,075.64
Land Use Change Taxes	— 0 —
Interest Collected—Property	1.45
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>43.00</u>

\$310,757.33

5,670.64

**Discounts Allowed**

**Abatements Made During Year:**

Property Taxes	\$ 2,760.81
Resident Taxes	200.00
Yield Taxes	<u>— 0 —</u>

2,960.81

**Uncollected Taxes — Dec. 31, 1976:**

(as per collector's list)

Property Taxes	\$ 35,647.29
Resident Taxes	1,030.00
Yield Taxes	<u>.09</u>

36,677.38

**TOTAL CREDITS**

\$356,066.16

# SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1975

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes — as of January 1, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$ 30,383.73
Resident Taxes	2,230.00

\$ 32,613.73

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$ 48.00
Resident Taxes	700.00

748.00

Land Use Change Taxes

—0—

Overpayments:

—0—

Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes

1,162.91

Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes

217.00

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 34,741.64

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year  
Ended December 31, 1976

Property Taxes Sold to Town	\$ 8,069.26
Property Taxes	22,732.61
Resident Taxes	2,190.00
Yield Taxes	—0—
Land Use Change Taxes	—0—
Interest Collected During Year	639.55
Penalties on Resident Taxes	217.00

\$ 33,848.42

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 153.22
Resident Taxes	740.00
Yield Taxes	—0—

893.22

Uncollected Taxes — December 31, 1976:  
(as per collector's list)

Property Taxes	\$ —0—
Resident Taxes	—0—

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 34,741.64

# SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

— DR. —

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of		
	1975	1974	1973
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of Jan. 1, 1976	\$	\$1798.83	\$592.68
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	8069.26		
Interest Collected After Sale	83.17	182.21	155.77
Redemption Costs	99.22	59.70	14.95
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$8251.65</b>	<b>\$2040.74</b>	<b>\$763.40</b>

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:

Redemptions	\$3303.15	\$1280.24	\$592.68
Interest & Costs After Sale	182.39	240.89	170.72
Abatements During Year	55.42	1.02	
Unredeemed Taxes — December 31, 1976	4710.69	518.59	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$8251.65</b>	<b>\$2040.74</b>	<b>\$763.40</b>

(a) "Balance of Unredeemed Taxes — January 1, 1976:"

Should include balances of Unredeemed Taxes, as of beginning of fiscal year — January 1, 1976 from Tax Sales of Previous Years.

(b) "Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year:"

Tax Sale held during fiscal year ending December 31, 1976 should include total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale.

NOTE: TOTAL DEBITS and TOTAL CREDITS should agree.

## THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Strafford, New Hampshire

The Conservation Commission, as in the past, reviewed all Dredge and Fill permits issued for activities in the town of Strafford. These included construction of ponds, retaining walls, correcting drainage problems; and, in one case, the construction of a home electrical generating facility.

In last year's annual report, the Commission requested that any persons interested in donating land to the town, to be managed by the Conservation Commission, contact any member of the Commission for complete information.

The Strafford Conservation Commission is pleased to announce the acquisition of an additional 375 acres, located on Parker Mountain near the present Town Forest. A multi-use management plan will be developed for this parcel, to maximize the benefit of its resources to the people of the town of Strafford.

In addition, two members of the Commission served on the Dump Committee, to develop a plan to manage the solid waste problem. One member attended a five-session course on Community Planning and Development.

The Strafford Conservation Commission extends its sincere thanks to the town and its citizens for their help during the past year. Members wish to emphasize that the input of all townspeople into the activities of the Commission would be welcome and appreciated.

Respectfully, submitted,

GAIL BERRY  
JoANN BROWN  
SPENCER SMITH  
JOHN BOZAK, Secretary-Treasurer  
GERALD HOWE, Chairman

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

As we review the year 1976 we note the increase in the use of the library facilities. The Library Association and the Jane Huckins Memorial Fund have contributed greatly to the library service. A special thank you for their continued participation.

We had the misfortune to lose a devoted member of the trustees, Mrs. Martha Bennett. Her enthusiasm and inspiration will be greatly missed.

The selectmen appointed Mrs. Bernice Omand to fill the vacancy, an excellent choice.

Due to the increase in expenses we've been unable to purchase as many selections as previous years. Thanks to the Bookmobile and donations from patrons we feel the collection is very varied.

Suggestions for continued improvement are always welcome.

IRMA MESSENGER

DAVIS CLARKE

BERNICE OMAND

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Balance as of January 1, 1976	\$1,134.96
Money Received during 1976:	
From Town	<u>2,130.20</u>
TOTAL	\$3,265.16

### Expenditures:

Librarian	\$1,612.20
Custodian	300.00
Heat and Lights	534.72
New Books	425.82
Phone	172.02
Insurance (Books)	69.00
Supplies	56.48
Miscellaneous	<u>39.36</u>

TOTAL	\$3,209.60
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Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 55.56
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## WARREN DOW FOSS FUND

Balance January 1, 1976	\$2,891.00
Interest Received	<u>158.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1976	\$3,049.00



# REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS TOWN OF STRAFFORD, December 31, 1976

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Principal		Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
				Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year			
N.H. Savings Bank								
6-6-1925	Babb, John	Perpetual care	142306	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 7.73	\$	\$ 66.79
12-31-1972	Brown, Albert (John Caveno)		191837	50.00	50.00	3.18		11.41
12-31-1972	Brown, Albert							
12-10-1937	(Luther Critchitt)		191836	50.00	50.00	3.18		11.41
4-21-1927	Caswell, Dearborn		142316	200.00	200.00	22.46		260.51
6-3-1972	Caverly, Abbie		142310	100.00	100.00	13.86		167.35
4-2-1927	Caverly, Rev. John		188939	465.00	465.00	17.30		44.72
9-3-1971	Clark, John D.		142312	100.00	100.00	20.37		289.25
9-2-1933	Cooper, Lillian Foss		185292	200.00	200.00	13.62		58.10
9-10-1930	Foss, Herbert		142314	200.00	200.00	13.41		88.60
6-2-1926	Foss, Robert L.		142313	100.00	100.00	75.19		88.88
3-5-1950	Garfield, Eliza		142308	150.00	150.00	79.11		140.98
9-6-1950	Ham, Llewlyn		134128	200.00	200.00	14.69		156.49
10-2-1921	Hartwell, Elizabeth		134127	100.00	100.00	17.96		56.52
6-6-1925	Hawkins, Betsy		142302	100.00	100.00	48.49		11.79
8-4-1934	Hayes, Paul		142305	50.00	50.00	5.74		36.51
12-23-58	Holmes, Ella		142315	100.00	100.00	32.03		38.67
1-13-1921	Jeness, John		146735	200.00	200.00	32.10		177.20
12-25-1958	Jeness, Samuel		142303	200.00	200.00	157.66		354.43
4-12-1927	Jewell, John W.		142311	200.00	200.00	315.33		28.61
8-11-1957	Leighton & Winkley		148211	250.00	250.00	21.95		292.76
6-3-1921	Perkins, Nancy		142301	100.00	100.00	263.89		145.77
9-9-1957	Perkins, Paul		143751	175.00	175.00	132.62		227.47
11-7-1922	Seavey, Abbie	Perpetual care	143304	100.00	100.00	206.07		11.79
4-2-1927	Smith, D. W.		142309	100.00	100.00	5.74	6.05	11.79
8-12-1944	Stanton, Fred		142318	200.00	200.00	5.74	6.05	11.79
9-5-1972	Swain, Annie					112.18	16.64	9.00
1917	Gray, Bessie		190602	200.00	200.00	21.48		33.58
10-22-1950	Wain, Mary J.		142299	400.00	400.00	12.10		150.75
5-11-1955	Waldron, John		138047	100.00	100.00	22.37		46.54
12-10-1937	Waldron & Caswell		139009	100.00	100.00	39.12		93.60
6-2-1926	Walker, James		142317	100.00	100.00	84.62		11.79
3-10-1966	Waterhouse, Ella		142307	200.00	200.00	5.74		33.58
6-3-1919	Webster & Tuttle		167082	375.00	375.00	21.48		146.05
1899	Welsh, Betsy		142300	200.00	200.00	118.48		117.77
	Young, Lavina H.		142298	1,000.00	1,000.00	102.23		168.00
				1,000.00	1,000.00	107.46		
TOTALS				\$6,565.00	\$6,565.00	\$3,179.36	\$ 528.92	\$ 3,699.28
						\$ 9.00		



## BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

	Number of Permits Issued	Estimated Value
New Homes	19	\$501,500.00
Additions	32	62,280.00
Mobile Homes	7	44,000.00
Buildings Moved	4	3,700.00
Swimming Pools	3	8,100.00
Boat Dock	1	100.00
TOTALS	66	\$619,680.00

HAROLD E. McDONALD  
Building Inspector

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## HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

- 4 Complaints answered and corrected
- 3 Septic systems repaired and inspected

HAROLD E. McDONALD  
Health Officer

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## TAX RATES PRINTED ON 1976 TAX BILLS

Municipal	\$ .30
County	.62
School	2.95
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	\$3.87

## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

The information given is the Seventh Annual Report of the Strafford Police Department. There have been weekly patrols this year. This year with the help of the State Police and this department, seven subjects were apprehended. This includes breaking and entering, stolen cars, other stolen articles and narcotic arrests.

This year the officers and myself are enrolled in a part-time school which is held in Dover, put on by the Police Standards Council and Training which will be held for eight weeks.

We traveled approximately 11,650 miles and put in approximately 1,175 hours.

It is also very helpful if the residents would call us when they observe any vehicles or subjects that they see around homes or camps that do not belong in the area. This also helps to keep the crime rate down.

Several home owners have requested periodic checks of their homes while they are away on vacation.

The officers can be reached at 664-2837 – 664-2225, also through the Strafford Dispatch Center at 742-4968.

On behalf of the men in the department, I would like to thank the inhabitants of the town of Strafford for their support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR E. BURROWS  
Chief of Police

**Total of Calls Answered**  
**for the Year January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976**

<b>Community Services:</b>	
Messages Delivered	2
Try and Locate	5
<b>Motor Vehicle:</b>	
Accident Investigated	17
DE Tag given out	15
Stolen vehicles	2
Abandoned Vehicles	4
Warnings and check ups	77
<b>Complaints Answered:</b>	
Malicious Damage	13
Breaking and Entering	22
Break Solved	1
Dog Complaints	16
Animals at Large	1
Miscellaneous	56
Damaging Mail Boxes	2
Deer Hit by cars	2
Assisted Ambulance	4
People Transported	3
<b>Assisting Other Departments:</b>	
Investigations	8
People Transported	3
Serving Summons	10
<b>Actions:</b>	
Court Actions	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> 298

## STRAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT – 1976

The department answered 30 calls during the year with the breakdown as follows:

Grass & Brush	8
Structural	7
Chimney	6
Car & truck fires	3
Car Accidents	3
Mutual Aid	2
False	1
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Total	30

The department received its new truck on May 1st. It has proven to be a very fine piece of equipment and has really improved the fire fighting capabilities of the department.

During the year the men raised over \$1,200.00 which was spent on equipment to put on the new truck and one other. The equipment included a 3000 watt generator, 2 - 500 watt floodlights, 1 smoke ejector, 3 - 100 foot lengths of cord with twist lock connectors, 10 hose straps, 1 siren, a cover for the hose bed of the new truck, gear for the men and some small tools.

Thirteen men attended state instructed fire schools at Laconia and Keene.

The department was accepted as a member of The Suncook Valley Mutual Aid Association at their November meeting. This will allow us to meet and drill with other area departments and have a better knowledge of their capabilities. We will also be receiving a list of all the equipment of each member department which is very helpful if special equipment is needed at a fire.

## STRAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT (cont.)

If anyone is interested in joining the department then feel free to attend a meeting which is held every Thursday night at 7:30 or call Chief Loren Pierce at 664-7715

We wish to thank everyone for their continued support and want to remind you that the emergency number is 664-9320.

LOREN W. PIERCE  
Chief

### STRAFFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT 1977 BUDGET

Fire Phones	\$ 450.00
Electricity & Heat	1,300.00
Fire School	250.00
Insurance	750.00
State Firemans Associaton	102.00
Gas & Oil	525.00
Radio Repairs	200.00
Office Expense (Stationery, telephone, etc.)	100.00
Miscellaneous (forest fires, unexpected maintenance, insulation etc.)	500.00
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TOTAL	\$4,177.00
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## REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

### 1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	<u>No. of Fires</u>	<u>No. of Acres</u>
State	746	294
District	246	85.87
Town	3	.39

CLARK M. DAVIS, District Fire Chief

SUMNER B. HAYES, Forest Fire Warden

## RURAL DISTRICT HEALTH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 1976

The past year has seen an increase in services provided by the RDHC. As the federal government continues to shorten the length of time allowed the patient to stay in the hospital there is an increased need for health care in the home. The RDHC continues to qualify as a certified home health agency, implementing procedures to continue to provide quality care.

This is the third year the agency has supported the Referral Coordinator at Frisbie Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Marie Dexter, R.N. is seeing an increased need and receiving more referrals from doctors, nurses and families for home health care after hospital stay.

The Council continues to provide home health aide service through the contract of the Strafford County Home Health Aide Association. And also with the resignation of Joan Menez, to further her education, the Council hired two part time home health aides in order to cover the area more economically. Gail LaRosa who covers the areas of Farmington, Milton, Middleton and New Durham, while Roberta LaFrenier covers the Northwood, Nottingham, Deerfield, Barrington and Strafford areas. This enables the Council to better utilize the professional staff while continuing to provide quality care.

The agency's priority is skilled nursing service, but the agency staff conduct adult screening clinics monthly in Northwood, Farmington and this past year started a program at the Milton Health Center with a case load of 221. With 38 cases referred for further treatment. This has proven to be a needed service.

The staff also participates in the after care program in cooperation with the Strafford Guidance Center and Seacoast Counseling Center. Twice a month the Strafford Guidance holds group counseling at the office, and because transportation is such a problem this has been a great help to the patients.

This year with the nationwide immunization program for the Swine flu the council organized two clinics regionally to cover its member towns. This involved many hours of planning and organizing for the clinic manager, but both clinics were a great success, with 1,139 immunized at the Farmington clinic and 663 at the Northwood clinic.

The Maternal Child Health Program is a very active one providing physical examinations, immunizations and dental care for children 0—6 yrs. enrolled in the Well Child Clinics. The agency staff also provides home visiting to the patients of the Strafford County Prenatal and Family Planning, and the Exeter Area Family Planning program.



## RURAL DISTRICT HEALTH COUNCIL REPORT (cont.)

The strength of the Council lies in the efficiency and dedication of its staff. With the resignation of Cynthia Blood, Myrtle Walsh and Lucy Myers within the year the Council has been very fortunate to add to their staff Mary Timmons, R.N. and Joann Pearson, R.N., B.S.N. Members of the professional staff are Mrs. Ardala Houle, R.N. Supervisor Director, Miss Arlene Thorne, R.N. Assist. Supervisor and Maternal Child Health nurse, Mrs. Marie Dexter, R.N. Referral Coordinator, Mrs. Barbara Drew, R.N. Mrs. Mary Timmons, R.N., Mrs. Joann Pearson, R.N., B.S.N., Mrs. Kathleen Hansen RPT. The office duties are handled with ease by Mrs. Norma Davis and Mrs. Eleanor Eaton.

As a result of the inflationary times and increase in services provided, it has been necessary, therefore, to increase the per capita request from each town to \$1.35 to enable the Council to continue to provide these greatly needed services.

During the past year the Council has made 439 home visits and 74 Well Child visits with a grand total of 513 for the town of Strafford.

Anyone interested in additional information is urged to contact the RDHC P.O. Box 563, 6 So. Main St., Farmington, N.H. Tel: 755-2989 between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 P.M. Monday through Friday.

ARDALA HOULE, R.N. Director

## REPORT OF RECREATION COMMISSION

Attendance at the beaches during our June 28 – September 6, 1976 season was light because of cool and cloudy weather, but the swimming program that we took over from SAY took up the slack with two sessions, each of three 5-day teaching weeks plus a make-up week. 113 youngsters participated and 80 of them qualified for Red Cross certificates. Doug Sumner, a certified instructor (WSI), put in most of his time teaching and there was no general supervision of the beaches during instruction hours.

The second lifeguard, Joe Quirion (ALS), worked weekends, attended the State's lifeguard training program at Bear Hill Camp under our sponsorship and kept the beaches clean and the grass cut. An allotment from the American Red Cross provided funds for first aid and safety equipment, including six kickboards which arrived too late but will serve in the future.

There were no special problems. Only minor vandalism and one slight injury were reported. Boat owners cooperated by not launching or landing during posted hours and townspeople were helpful and cooperative, especially neighbors in the beach area. The Bow Lake Community Club again let us store gear in the Grange Hall. In October Dr. Shiere had the remaining gate house removed and restored. The chemical toilets were placed as unobtrusively as possible. Trash barrels intended for use by beach visitors were heavily used by others and became an eyesore and nuisance despite regular attention. The Recreation Commission is asking to be relieved of responsibility for them, as we did not originally have it and cannot exercise control outside of our limited hours and brief season.

In June 1975 a commission appointed by Governor and Council held a hearing on public access to Bow Lake – a boat launching ramp. We have heard nothing from them and, pending their report, have made no plans involving the Recreation Fund. It was to provide a town dock and possibly fencing for the beach area so that admissions could be charged to make it self-sustaining.

## REPORT OF RECREATION COMMISSION (cont.)

For 1977 we are asking for a larger appropriation to provide some lifeguard coverage while instruction is going on, plus a few hours a week for an informal athletic program, \$50. for grounds and miscellaneous; total \$2,290. Net cost to the Town will be reduced by an estimated \$300. from fees charged for instruction which will be increased to \$3. for each three week session (from \$2.). The estimated cost of our proposed program for 1977 will thus be \$1,990, compared to \$1,448.50 in 1976, omitting the cost of rubbish disposal in both years.

The Commission invites people to attend its meetings, which are held in the Town office on dates announced in the calendar. We solicit constructive criticism and suggestions for additional programs or activities of benefit to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST B. BROWN, Chairman

LOIS FISTERE

ROBERT OMAND

JOHN B. PENNEY, Secretary

DENISE THORNE

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

#### Operating Expenses:

Attendants' salaries	\$1,459.50
Toilet rental	190.00
Trash removal	92.00

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\$1,741.50

Less receipts (fees for swimming lessons)	201.00
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Net Cost to Town \$1,540.50

(Appropriation for 1976 was \$1,600.)

#### Recreation Fund:

Balance December 31, 1975	\$3,361.32
Interest earned (savings account No. 102462) at Rochester Savings Bank & Trust Co.)	183.73

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\$3,545.05

## AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify that we have made an examination of the books and records of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk, and Trustees of Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1976.

That in our opinion the accompanying statements set forth the financial condition of the town of Strafford and the results of their operations for the year ending December 31, 1976.

LOREN W. PIERCE  
ROGER S. LEIGHTON  
Auditors

Strafford, N.H.  
February 3, 1977

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## OFFICERS

### SCHOOL BOARD

Philip L. Dame	Term Expires 1977
Robert B. Dowst	Term Expires 1978
Carl T. Gustafson, Jr.	Term Expires 1979

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Barry L. Clough, B.Ed., M.A., M. Ed.

### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Franklin E. Black, B.A., M.Ed.

### TREASURER

Christine Bozak

### MODERATOR

Russell C. Shillaber

### CLERK

Robert Perry

### AUDITORS

Ruth Talvio

Roger Leighton

### ATTENDANCE OFFICER AND SCHOOL CENSUS

Leonard W. Davis

### SCHOOL NURSE

Lois Fistere, R.N.

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 8th day of March, 1977, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose Auditors, and all other necessary officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 28th day of January, 1977

PHILIP L. DAME  
ROBERT B. DOWST  
CARL T. GUSTAFSON, Jr.  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

PHILIP L. DAME  
ROBERT B. DOWST  
CARL T. GUSTAFSON, Jr.  
School Board

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**TENTATIVE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Strafford School in said district on the 15th day of March 1977, at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
2. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
3. To choose agents and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
4. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.
5. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for and to receive and expend, in the name of the district, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or state agencies.
6. To see if the district wishes to exclude from its Social Security plan services performed by election officials or election workers for each calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than \$50.00

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 3rd day of February 1977.

PHILIP L. DAME  
ROBERT B. DOWST  
CARL T. GUSTAFSON, Jr.  
School Board

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

PHILIP L. DAME  
ROBERT B. DOWST  
CARL T. GUSTAFSON, Jr.  
School Board



# REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

## For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

Cash on Hand July 1, 1975	\$ 11,386.16
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$232,789.11
Revenue from State Sources	15,733.60
Revenue from Federal Sources	9,391.80
Received from all Other Sources	4,920.18
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	262,834.69
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$274,220.85
Less School Board Orders Paid	266,646.85
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1975	\$ 7,674.00

### BUILDING FUND SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1975	\$ 8,479.29
Received from all Sources	\$ 179.68
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Total Receipts	179.68
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	8,658.97
Less School Board Orders Paid	7,268.58
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1976	\$ 1,390.39
July 23, 1976	

CHRISTINE BOZAK

District Treasurer

### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Strafford of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 and find them correct in all respects.

October 28, 1976

Roman Martineau

# FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT Fiscal Year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

Received from Local Sources:		
Current Appropriation		\$232,789.11
Other Revenue from Local Sources:		
Earnings from Temporary Deposits	\$ 179.68	
Rent	5.00	
Donation	<u>50.00</u>	
		234.68
Received from State Sources:		
School Building Aid	\$ 6,994.99	
Sweepstakes	6,658.61	
Foster Children Aid	280.00	
School Lunch Program (State Funds Only)	48.74	
Vocational Education Transportation	<u>826.00</u>	
		14,808.34
Received from Federal Sources:		
School Lunch and Special Milk Program	\$ 6,629.06	
Public Law 874	<u>2,714.00</u>	
		<u>9,343.06</u>
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$257,175.19
Cash on hand July 1, 1975		\$11,386.16
General Fund	<u>8,479.29</u>	
Building Fund		19,865.45
Item 60 (Reimb. Expenditures)		<u>5,839.18</u>
Grand Total Gross Receipts		\$282,879.82
Expenditures:		
Total Expenditures — General Fund	\$266,546.85	
Total Expenditures — Building Fund	<u>7,268.58</u>	
		\$273,815.43
Cash on hand June 30, 1976:		
General Fund	\$ 7,674.00	
Building Fund	<u>1,390.39</u>	
		9,064.39
Accounts Due District		1,184.00
Encumbered Funds	8,461.90	
Building Funds	<u>1,390.39</u>	
		<u>9,852.29</u>
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 396.10

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**BUILDING ADDITION No. 2**

**Receipts:**

Fiscal Year 1974	\$136,000.00
Fiscal Year 1975	13,040.39
Fiscal Year 1976:	
Interest on Savings Account	179.68

<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$149,220.07</b>
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**Expenditures:**

Fiscal Year 1974	\$ 5,000.00
Fiscal Year 1975	135,561.10
Fiscal Year 1976:	
General Contract	\$1,000.00
Site Development	5,535.27
Architects Fees	733.31

<b>Total Expenditures This Year (Fiscal 1976)</b>	<b>7,268.58</b>
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<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$147,829.68</b>
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<b>Cash on Hand June 10, 1976</b>	<b>1,390.39</b>
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<b>\$149,220.07</b>
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**STATUS OF SCHOOL NOTES AND BONDS**  
**For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1976**

1.	Name of Building or Project for Which Notes or Bonds Were Issued	Strafford School	1st Addition	2nd Addition	Total
2.	Outstanding at Beginning of Year	25,000.00	32,099.84	136,000.00	193,099.84
3.	Issued During Year				
4.	Total	25,000.00	32,099.84	136,000.00	193,099.84
5.	Payments of Principal of Debt	5,000.00	3,566.76	13,600.00	22,166.76
6.	Notes and Bonds Outstanding at End of Year	20,000.00	28,533.08	122,400.00	170,933.08

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES – 1975 - 1976

### Administration:

#### Salaries:

Philip Dame, School Board Member	\$ 200.00
Robert Dowst, School Board Member	200.00
Carl Gustafson, School Board Member	200.00
Christine Bozak, Treasurer	<u>200.00</u>

\$ 800.00

#### Contracted Service:

Elizabeth Carlson, Bookkeeper	\$ 400.00
Ramon Martineau, Auditor	<u>60.00</u>

460.00

#### Other Expenses for Administration

\$ 362.20

### Instruction:

#### Salaries:

Principal, 7th Grade Teacher & Phys. Ed.,	
Richard Boyle	\$10,000.00
Grade 1	Sally Low 8,900.00
Grade 2	Katrina Rhodes 7,900.00
Grade 3	Maryellen Childs 8,150.00
Grade 4	Nancy Higgins 8,400.00
Grade 5	Cecelia Ciccolella 7,400.00
Grade 6	Patricia Sukduang 8,650.00
Grade 8	Mary Higgins 8,900.00
Teacher & Substitute	Darla Higgins 1,720.00
Teacher's Aide	Barbara Newsky 3,000.00
Teacher's Aide	Bernice Omand 600.75
Art	Eleanore Byrne 1,550.00
Music	Virginia Garlow 1,593.05
Substitutes	712.00
District Share of Blue Cross	152.64
Staff Development Courses	<u>156.50</u>

77,784.94

#### Textbooks

731.17

#### School Library & Audiovisual Materials

780.47

#### Teaching Supplies

3,358.30

#### Contracted Services:

Gesell Testing	\$ 480.00
Science Research Associates	332.61
Strafford Learning Center	<u>392.00</u>

1,204.61

#### Other Expenses for Instruction

68.41

### Health Services:

School Nurse, Lois Fistere	\$ 2,700.00
Supplies and Travel	<u>54.92</u>

\$ 2,754.92

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES (cont.)

Pupil Transportation:			
Contracted Service:			
Douglas Hatch	\$	5,186.25	
Herbert Scribner		9,277.65	
Virgil Scribner		<u>2,420.78</u>	
			\$16,884.68
Operation of Plant:			
Custodial Salaries:			
Robert Heffernan	\$	2,200.00	
Bradford Sargent		<u>2,000.00</u>	
			4,200.00
Supplies:			1,973.89
Contracted Service			40.00
Heat — James K. Horne, Inc.			4,163.09
Utilities, Public Service and New England Tel. Co.			<u>3,218.43</u>
Maintenance of Plant:			
Replacement of Equipment — Auger & Sons Inc.			78.06
Repairs to Equipment:			
Greenland Corp	\$	19.50	
Pioneer Business Machines		21.25	
Seacoast Educational Services		<u>50.11</u>	
			90.86
Contracted Services:			
R. Boyle		246.00	
R. Daigle		126.54	
3-M Business Products, Inc.		<u>54.50</u>	
			427.04
Repairs to Building:			
Brock's Plywood Sales, Inc.		45.17	
R. Daigle		320.81	
Eldredge W. Dame		15.00	
Portland Glass Co.		32.29	
Sherwin-Williams Co.		175.38	
Smith's		124.20	
Joseph Thomas		<u>32.00</u>	
			744.85
Fixed Charges:			
State Employee's Retirement		45.52	
Teacher's Retirement		1,635.04	
F.I.C.A. (Social Security)		<u>5,294.56</u>	
			6,975.12
Insurance			<u>2,116.80</u>

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES (cont.)

School Lunch and Special Milk:		
Federal Contribution	\$ 6,629.06	
State Contribution	48.74	
District Contribtuion	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,877.80
Student-Body Activities		453.80
Capital Outlay		4,661.10
Debt Service:		
Principal of Debt	\$22,166.76	
Interest on Debt	9,168.07	
	<hr/>	31,334.83
Outgoing Transfer Accounts:		
Tuition to Other School Districts	\$54,667.93	
Tuition to Public Academies	26,574.19	
District Share of Union Expenses	5,113.18	
	<hr/>	86,355.30
Transportation:		
Vocational Students	1,119.20	
Handicapped Students	687.80	
	<hr/>	1,807.00
Total Net Expenditures (General Fund)		\$260,707.67
Item 60 (Reimbursed Expenditures)		5,839.18
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Grand Total Detailed Expenditures		\$266,546.85



# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WORKSHEET 1977 - 1978

	Adopted 1975-1976	Expended 1975-1976	Adopted 1976-1977	Proposed 1977-1978
Administration				
Salaries	\$ 845.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 935.00
Contracted Services	430.00	460.00	480.00	650.00
Other Expenses	150.00	362.20	275.00	275.00
Instruction:				
Salaries	77,530.00	77,784.94	82,850.00	95,848.00
Textbooks	1,000.00	731.17	1,120.00	1,200.00
Library & Audiovisual Materials	1,200.00	780.47	718.50	710.00
Teaching Supplies	3,550.00	3,358.30	3,700.00	4,150.00
Contracted Services	300.00	1,204.61	300.00	1,045.00
Other Expenses	100.00	68.41	130.00	240.00
Attendance Services	25.00		25.00	25.00
Health Services	2,974.00	2,754.92	3,040.00	3,160.00
Pupil Transportation	17,949.00	16,884.68	25,790.00	25,790.00
Operation of Plant:				
Salaries	5,600.00	4,200.00	5,600.00	5,900.00
Supplies	1,100.00	1,973.89	1,300.00	1,800.00
Contracted Services	300.00	40.00	300.00	300.00
Heat	6,000.00	4,163.09	6,500.00	7,000.00
Utilities	3,000.00	3,218.43	3,300.00	3,700.00

# STAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET WORKSHEET (cont.)

Maintenance of Plant	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,340.81	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 1,735.00
Fixed Charges:				
Employee Retirement & FICA				
Insurance	7,310.84	6,975.12	7,838.21	8,956.28
School Lunch & Spec. Milk Program	2,200.00	2,116.80	2,200.00	3,125.00
Student Body Activities	1,800.00	6,877.80	1,800.00	6,700.00
Capital Outlay:	600.00	453.80		400.00
Equipment	550.00	4,661.10		
Debt Service:				
Principal of Debt	22,166.76	22,166.76	22,166.76	22,166.76
Interest on Debt	9,179.63	9,168.07	8,074.65	6,981.23
Outgoing Transfer Accounts in State:				
Tuition	79,648.00	81,242.12	97,512.00	103,179.00
Transportation	1,100.00	1,119.20	1,221.00	
Supervisory Union Expenses	5,281.63	5,113.18	5,581.42	8,051.58
Expenditures to other than Pub. Schools		687.80		8,280.00
Total Appropriations	\$253,489.86	\$260,707.67	\$287,157.54	322,302.85

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT REVENUES AND CREDITS

Revenues and Credits Available To Reduce School Taxes	<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	
	Approved Budget 1976-1977	Proposed Budget 1977-1978
Unencumbered Balance	\$ 396.10	
Revenue from State Sources		
Sweepstakes	9,195.61	\$ 7,816.27
School Building Aid	6,994.99	6,994.99
Foster Children Aid	280.00	280.00
Revenues from Federal Sources		
School Lunch & Special Milk	6,677.80	6,500.00
PL 874	2,714.00	2,050.00
Local Revenue Except Taxes		
Trust Fund Income		
Total School Revenues and Credits	\$ 26,258.50	\$ 23,641.26
District Assessment (To be raised by property taxes)	\$260,899.04	\$298,661.59
Total Appropriations	\$287,157.54	\$322,302.85

# STRAFFORD SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT July 1 1975 — June 30, 1976

Beginning Balance — July 1, 1975		\$ 83.40
Receipts		
Lunch Sales — Children	\$7,561.11	
Lunch Sales — Adult	398.60	
Reimbursement	6,677.80	
District Appropriation	200.00	
Misc. Cash	368.11	
Total Receipts		<u>\$15,205.62</u>
Total Available		\$15,289.02
Expenditures		
Food	\$8,904.55	
Labor	4,845.12	
Equipment	26.73	
All Other Expenditures	891.27	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$14,667.67</u>
Balance June 30, 1976		\$ 621.35
Other Program Resources:		
USDA Commodities received (wholesale Value)		—0—
Donations: Food \$1361.00		\$1,361.00

### Balance Sheet

#### Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1976

Assets	
Cash in Bank	\$ 621.31
Accounts Receivable:	
Reimbursement due Program	1,590.02
Food Inventory, June 30	466.91
Total Assets	\$2,678.24
Liabilities:	
None	

DOROTHY L. SMITH

Preparer of report

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of the Strafford School District:

When the 1976-77 school year opened last September, the Strafford Elementary School was organized as indicated in the chart below.

Employee	Assignment
Mrs. Sally Low	Grade 1 and Readiness
Mrs. Patricia Maize	Grade 2
Mrs. Maryellen Plante	Grade 3
Mrs. Nancy Lake	Grade 4
Mrs. Georgia Hooker	Grade 5 — Mathematics
Mrs. Patricia Sukduang	Grade 6 — Science
Mr. Richard Boyle, Principal	Grade 7 — Social Studies
Mrs. May Higgins	Grade 8 — English
Mrs. Darla Higgins	Social Studies — part time
Mrs. Lois Fistere	School Nurse
Mrs. Eleanor Byrne	Art — part time
Mrs. Barbara Newsky	Readiness Aide
Mrs. Virginia Garlow	Music — part time
Mrs. Dorothy Smith	Lunch Program Manager
Mrs. Irma Messenger	Lunch Worker
Mr. Brad Sargent	Custodian
Mrs. JoJayne Soule	Learning Disabilities*
Miss Margaret Reed	Speech & Language Development*

\*These positions are funded by the Title I / Special Education Cooperative Project operated by the Boards of Nottingham, Strafford Barrington and Northwood. Mr. Conway is the project manager.

The enrollment by grade as reported at the beginning of the year was as follows:

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Number	25	27	33	26	29	20	25	25	210

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (cont.)

Strafford School District residents attending other schools at District expense was reported as indicated in the chart printed below:

School	Spec.	Grade					Tuition Rate
		9	10	11	12	Total	
Coe Brown Academy	0	5	6	5	6	22	\$1,221.00
Dover Vocational	0	2	0	1	2	5	1,200.00
Dover High	0	0	1	0	1	2	1,200.00
Pittsfield High	0	0	2	0	1	3	1,000.00
Spaulding High	0	20	12	13	12	57	974.00
Farmington	0	0	0	0	1	1	1,221.00
Austin Cate Academy	0	0	0	0	1	1	1,221.00
Oyster River	0	0	1	0	0	1	1,245.00
Somersworth High	1	0	0	0	0	1	1,221.00
Totals	1	27	22	19	24	93	

One of the most far-reaching laws to be passed in recent years in terms of the impact it will have on local school district budgets is PL 94-142. This Federal law requires that each school district will file an individual plan denoting how handicapped children will be educated, either within or on a tuition basis outside of the district. In addition, the district will be responsible for the submission of an individual pupil plan which will specify the educational program for each child. PL 94-142, in conjunction with RSA 186 has important implications for school districts across the state. It will soon become appropriate for the school district to establish a comprehensive educational program for handicapped children within the Strafford School system.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (cont.)

I am pleased to report that the Strafford School, in conjunction with the Barrington Schools, was the recipient of a federal Title IV — ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) grant entitled PROJECT STAY this past summer. This grant in the amount of \$3,200.00 has enabled the faculty in Grades 1-3 to increase their teaching techniques and skill regarding the early identification of achievement levels of children experiencing learning difficulties. In addition, the teachers received specialized training from this project which increased their ability to implement individualized instruction in Mathematics and Reading designed to correct specific learning deficiencies. Mr. Boyle reports that this training has been eagerly received by the staff members and that the children are receiving much benefit from it.

In closing, the writer would note that the children of Strafford are very fortunate to have their education being guided by such competent individuals as presently serve on the School Board, as faculty members, and as their principal. The School reflects good teacher morale and excellent interrelationships as a result, which can have only a beneficial effect on the education of Strafford children.

I wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation and support we have received from the people, the School Board members, pupils and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

BARRY L. CLOUGH, Superintendent  
FRANKLIN E. BLACK, Assistant Superintendent



**SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT AND  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT — 1975—76  
(RSA Chapter 189:48 — New Hampshire Laws)**

School District	% Local Share	Assistant	
		Superintendent	Superintendent
BARRINGTON	15.04	\$ 1,475.41	\$ 2,263.52
FARMINGTON	24.03	2,357.31	3,616.51
MIDDLETON	1.855	181.97	279.18
MILTON	14.54	1,426.36	2,188.27
NORTHWOOD	11.355	1,113.91	1,708.93
NOTTINGHAM	9.37	919.19	1,410.18
STRAFFORD	8.29	813.24	1,247.65
WAKEFIELD	15.52	1,522.49	2,335.76
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	100.000	\$ 9,809.88	\$15,050.00
State's Share		2,500.00	2,450.00
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total		\$12,309.88	\$17,500.00

## HEALTH SERVICES 1975 – 1976

Student inspections .....	213
Pre-school registration .....	24
Vision .....	237
Defects – 7   Corrected – 5	
Hearing .....	237
Defects – 6   Corrected – 4	
First Aid .....	108
Home visits .....	9
Dental Prophylaxis .....	146

The health education program for our students provides information on nutrition, personal hygiene, dental care, safety, communicable diseases, life education, and the use of films, film strips, records, special programs and guest speakers whenever possible.

This year some of our programs were:

An interesting program “The Cow and Calf to School”, was brought to Strafford by the New England Dairy and Food Council, to the delight of the 1-6 grade students.

A unit on Smoking, for the 4-8 grades, using films and film strips. Grades 7-8 worked in their science classes, doing experiments, making reports and posters and heard a speaker from the T.B. Lung Association.

The S.A.Y. sponsored the dental prophylaxis clinic, with Anne Huckins as hygienist, once again providing care to 146 students.

A drug program was given to 7-8 grades by Captain James Rowe, of the Dover Police Department.

Twenty-two, sixth grade students, took part in a baby sitting workshop.

It remains the goal of the health services to promote within our students the value of strong and healthy bodies and an alert and active mind. My appreciation to parents, staff and school board, for their support of our health education programs.

Respectfully submitted,

LOIS FISTERE, R.N.  
Mrs. C. G. Fistere

**PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR**  
**1977 – 1978**

First Term	September 7, 1977 to December 23, 1977
Second Term	January 4, 1978 to February 17, 1978
Third Term	February 27, 1978 through April 21, 1978
Fourth Term	May 1, 1978 through June 23, 1978
September through January – 93 days	
February through June – 92 days	

**DAYS OUT**

September 5 – Labor Day  
October 10 – Columbus Day  
October 21 – Teachers' Convention  
November 11 – Veterans' Day  
November 24 - 25 Thanksgiving Recess  
(Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day)  
December 26 – January 3 – Christmas Vacation  
February 20 – February 24 – Winter Vacation  
April 24 – April 28 – Spring Vacation  
May 30 – Memorial Day

185 days – 180 days required attendance  
for Instructional Purposes

This calendar is subject to revision by the School Board.

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1976**

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Name of Child</b>	<b>Name of Father</b>	<b>Maiden Name of Mother</b>
1976					
Jan. 29	Dover	M	Matthew T. Duplessie	Thomas F. Duplessie	Patricia M. Pooler
May 1	Rochester	M	Brandon J. Hurst	Thomas J. Hurst	Katrina J. Hillard
May 31	Rochester	F	Jana L. Paradis	Robert A. Paradis	Donna L. Jacques
Sept. 17	Dover	F	Tara I. Efstathiou	Paul R. Efstathiou	Laura A. Cadorette

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PHYLLIS F. LYNNBOURG, Town Clerk

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan 28	Strafford	Thetis V. Scruton	85	N.H.	Retired	Daniel H. Scruton	Vienna E. Brock
Feb. 4	Rochester	Eleanor M. Buffington	70	Vt.	Retired	Charles Buffington	Annie Mathews
Mar. 8	Rochester	Helen W. Collins	88	N.H.	Housewife	John E. Waldron	Inez Bennett
Mar. 9	Dover	Lena V. Leighton	83	N.H.	Housewife	Charles Waldron	Lula Seward
Mar. 11	Dover	Alfred C. Trubenbach	88	Germany	Hotel Manager	Carl L. Trubenbach	Marie Myer
Apr. 3	Concord	Helen L. Drew	77	Mass.	Kitchen Aid	John Wilde	Lottie J. Allen
Apr. 16	Rochester	Lyndall P. Clark	75	N.H.	Housewife	James M. Perkins	Eolia Cater
Apr. 17	Concord	Martha Z. Bennett	72	N.H.	School Teacher	Fred O. Caswell	Mary L. Caverly
Apr. 24	Rochester	John D. Preston	81	N.H.	Farmer	Alberton Preston	Fannie Perkins
June 5	Dover	Harold L. Crosby	67	Me.	Electrician	Lloyd I. Crosby	Edith Ferney
June 14	Dover	Eleanor L. Hilliard	56	Mass.	Housewife	Not Known	Not Known
June 20	Rochester	Russell D. Lamper	75	N.H.	Box Shop Worker & Farmer	Orin Lamper	Not Known
Sept. 18	Rochester	George S. Braase	80	Denmark	Shoe Worker	Not Known	Not Known
Sept. 24	Rochester	Allye I. Cate	91	Vt.	Housewife	Frederick Provencher	Flora Alexander
Nov. 3	Strafford	Laurice G. Clark	70	N.H.	Truck Driver	Herbert A. Clark	Inez Howard
Nov. 29	Concord	Harold F. Tasker	81	N.H.	Farmer	Herbert Tasker	Mary A. Foss
Dec. 2	Strafford	Winifred G. Learnard	87	Mass.	Housewife	William Gordon	Sarah Hunt

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# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1976

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each At Time of Marriage	Name and Designation of Officiant
Feb. 28	Northwood	Robert L. Blossom	Strafford	Joan M. Carr Emerson
		Susanne L. Marston	Northwood	Justice of the Peace
May 22	Strafford	Stephen J. Seeman	Strafford	June M. Barry
		Karen A. Miller	Pittsfield, Ma.	Justice of the Peace
June 12	Rochester	James M. Marcotte	Rochester	Rev. John Healey
		Lynn P. Smith	Strafford	Priest
June 25	Strafford	Peter K. Howland	Rochester	Rev. Howard B. Higgins
		Jacqueline A. Howland	Strafford	Pastor
June 26	Portsmouth	Richard A. Rossley	Dover	Eileen G. Rossley
		Sandra Bauer	Strafford	Justice of the Peace
July 27	Manchester	Roger S. Leighton Jr.	Strafford	Donald L. Fowler
		Patricia A. Barnard	Manchester	Justice of the Peace
July 31	Darien, Conn.	Franz E. Anderson	Strafford	Lawrence MacCall Horton
		Ann. H. Laundon	Darien, Conn.	Minister Presbyterian Church
Aug. 7	Dover	Terrence R. Bickford	Strafford	Robert F. Griffin
		Nancy J. Lobdell	Madbury	Pastor
Aug. 21	Rochester	Joseph J. Cushing	Rochester	Rev. Frank Gulinello Jr.
		Cindy L. Huckins	Strafford	Minister
Aug. 28	Strafford	Michael J. Turgeon	Strafford	Ernest J. Levesque
		Linda D. Gilfert	Rochester	Justice of the Peace
Oct. 2	Northwood	Leonard A. Lake	Strafford	Rev. Howard B. Higgins
		Nancy L. Higgins	Strafford	Clergyman
Oct. 9	Strafford	Thomas C. Vashey	Rochester	Rev. Howard B. Higgins
		Dawn M. Hodil	Strafford	Pastor
Nov. 27	Strafford	Joseph J. Graham	East Rochester	Rev. Howard B. Higgins
		Bonnie L. Jewell	Strafford	Pastor

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